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To the Reader.

SOothing and Croſsing are two humours more troubleſome than profitable; The one troubles the wiſe that loue no flatterie, and the other fooles that loue to be flattered. What you are I know not, and therefore as you finde your ſelfe, ſo fit your ſenſe: And yet if you will not ſcorne a fooles counſell, be ſilent rather than croſſe, for feare of quarrels; and rather learne ſilence among

the wise, than sooth their sayings in their hearing, for their eares are iealous ouer their wits. But lest I make a great entry to a little house, leauing what you reade to your leisure, and the liking to your capacitie, I rest.

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Prouerbe.

LOue is a rauishing humour.

Sooth.

True, or else so many Virgins would not loose their maiden-heads.

Prou. Beauty is a bewitching obiect.

Sooth. True, or else men would not be so mad vpon it.

P. All things are common among friends.

S. Then wiues must be put in as well as wenches.

P. Nothing is hard to a willing minde.

S. True, if there be hope in the businesse.

P. Beware the witch.
S. True, for she is a deuill incarnate.
P. Euery man loues himselfe best.
S. True, or else he lacks vnderstanding.
P. Too much of any thing is good for nothing.
S. True, for the quantitie marres the qualitie.
P. A valiant minde feares no fortune.
S. True, for he knowes tis but a fiction.
P. Young wenches make old wrinches.
S. True, when clasping of the breast breeds the cricke in the backe.
P. Like will to like.
S. True, that makes Lads goe to Lasses.
P. A baudy-house is an earthly hell.
S. True, for the deuill stands at the doore to bring his Guests into their roome.
P. No Play is without a foole.
S. True, nor without many to looke vpon them.
P. Quarrelling makes the Surgeons harueſt.
S. True, when out of a little salue he gets a great deale of money.
P. Physitians are costly visiters.
S. True, for they seldome come but for their fee.
P. An Apothecaries shop is ill in a mans belly.
S. True, for if the stomacke be not kept cleane, it will stinke of the medicines.
P. A Sexton is a fatall Musitian.
S. True, for his musicke is a message of death.
P. When the Cat is away, the Mouse may play.
S. True, if she come not in the trap.
P. Contraries can hardly agree together.
S. True, that makes May and Ianuary so farre asunder.

P. Sweet

P. Sweet meat will haue ſowre ſauce.
S. True, or elſe it would be too luſhious.
P. Trowling eyes make rowling wits.
S. True, when feminine wags make maſculine wantons.
P. Euery thing hath an end.
S. True, either whereto, or whereof.
P. A gay foole is an idle picture.
S. True, for it is but loſt time to looke vpon it.
P. Airie bodies haue light braines.
S. Or elſe mad men would not be ſo fantaſticke.
P. A ſcolding woman is a troubleſome creature.
S. True, and eſpecially to her husband.
P. Many men goe backward thorow the world.
S. True, or elſe Rope-makers and Weauers could not get their liuings.
P. A Ieſter and a Pandar are couſen varmins in villany.
S. True, and if both be in one, he will breed Cuckolds out of crie.
P. A defeated armie is a lamentable ſpectacle.
S. True, when Iewes make hauocke of Chriſtians.
P. Pouertie breeds peace.
S. True, for there is nothing to goe to warre withall.
P. Peace breeds plentie.
S. True, when labour brings profit.
P. Plentie breeds pride.
S. True, when money muſt purchaſe honour.
P. Pride breeds ambition.
S. True, when Beggars will be Kings.
P. Ambition breeds warres.
S. True, when principalitie will no equalitie.
P. Warre breeds pouertie.

S. True, where a long siege makes a poore Campe, and a penurious Citie.
P. Pouertie breeds peace.
S. True, when the Souldiers must rise for want of pay.
P. A Pirates life is in two great perils.
S. True, for if he scape drowning, he is in danger of hanging.
P. A Tinkers budget is full of necessary tooles.
S. True, for he can mend a kettle, and picke a locke with them.
P. A Tailors shreds are worth the cutting.
S. True, for sometimes they purchase lands.
P. A widow is dangerous to meet withall.
S. True, for commonly she is either poore, or proud.
P. An ill wind that blowes no man good.
S. True, for it may ease my belly, that offends your nose.
P. Age and wedlocke tames man and beast.
S. True, and yet they will to the businesse.
P. Money and a Mistresse will make a Souldier runne thorow fire.
S. True, and yet if he be burned, he had better haue missed them both.
P. Better a little in the morning, than nothing all day after.
S. True, supposing to be good, or else better spared.
P. Experience is the Mistresse of fooles.
S. True, when a Prodigall feeles his penurie.
P. Art is the Schoole-mistresse of Nature.
S. True, when Reason guides Iudgement.
P. Learning is an ornament to Nature.
S. True, especially where the studie is gracious.

P. Familiaritie

P. Familiaritie breeds contempt.
S. True, among fooles and Beggars.
P. A knaue and a foole neuer take thought.
S. True, for if the one cannot, the other will not take thought.
P. Wares commonly are deareſt at their firſt comming.
S. True, and yet Carriers Titts are hired at a ſmall rate.
P. A Rogues Wardrobe is a harbour for a Louſe.
S. True, but a Louſe dares harbour where a Rogue dares not.
P. A Flea is a pretty foole, that feeds only on ſweet bloud.
S. True, and commonly makes her diet of the daintieſt creatures.
P. Ingratitude makes a true Machauilian.
S. True, and ſuch a one as no villaine can match him.
P. Burnt children dread the fire.
S. True, and yet old fooles will be raking in the aſhes.
P. Darkſome miſts are beſt for Theeues.
S. True, when the deuill hides the Gallowes while they are plotting for the Rope.
P. Fooliſh Punkes liue euer in feare.
S. True, for the name of a Conſtable frights them with Bridewell.
P. An vnlawfull gaines makes an vnquiet conſcience.
S. True, and eſpecially when the cries of the poore are in the eares of the rich.
P. The falling out of louers may be the renewing of loue.
S. True, when patience hath ouer-ruled paſſion.
P. Sleepe is the pride of eaſe.
S. True, for then both bones and ſenſes are at reſt.

P. Well

P. Well warn'd is halfe arm'd.
S. True, for lacke of care may be loſſe of life.
P. A tall trencher-man had not need be a poore man.
S. True, leſt his belly be too ſtrong for his purſe.
P. Tennis and Tabacco are coſtly exerciſes.
S. True, when ſweat and ſmoake brings many a purſe into a conſumption.
P. Fire and water haue no mercy.
S. True, with mad men and drunkards.
P. The more the merrier.
S. True, for he that liues alone is like a dogge in a kennell.
P. One hand is enough in a purſe.
S. True, and too many if it be of a pick-purſe.
P. To day for thee, to morrow for me.
S. True, for euery day is not for euery mans humour.
P. Better a cruſt than no bread.
S. True, for if it be hard for the teeth, it will be ſoft in the pottage.
P. He runs farre that neuer turnes.
S. True, for then he will out-run the Conſtable.
P. Salt ſauours all things.
S. True, but the better with pepper.
P. Soft fire makes ſweet malt.
S. True, for a haſtie fire may burne downe the furnace.
P. He that goes ſoftly, goes eaſily.
S. True, for elſe a man would goe faſter than a Snaile when he hath the gout in his feet.
P. He that lookes high, may haue a chip in his eye.
S. True, if he ſtand vnder a tree that is lopping.
P. Two faces vnder a hood.
S. True, Tis meere hypocriſie.

P. The

P. The foole marres the play.
S. True, when a bitter ieft angers the Audience.
P. A Cuekold is a horned man.
S. True, but he hides them like a Snaile.
P. A Wittoll is a note of a coward.
S. True, for he is afraid of his wife.
P. Pride will haue a fall.
S. True, and though it be from the Gallowes.
P. Thought is free.
S. True, till it come to words.
P. Law is coſtly.
S. True, in delayes.
P. Time is pretious.
S. True, in his right vſe.
P. Ill weeds grow faſt.
S. True, and therefore need the more weeding.
P. Pitie ſpoiles a Citie.
S. True, if the Magiſtrates be fooles.
P. None more blinde than he that will not ſee.
S. True, for his will takes away his power.
P. A Drunkard is worſe than a beaſt.
S. True, for a beaſt can ſtand, and he cannot.
P. A Lier is worſe than a Theefe.
S. True, for he may ſteale away his good name.
P. The neerer the Church, the further from God.
S. True, when the Alehouſe keepes the pariſh from praier.
P. Early vp and neere the neere.
S. True, when will wants wit in the buſineſſe.
P. Faire words make fooles faine.
S. True, for wiſe men know they are but wind.
P. Had I wiſt was a foole.

S. True.

S. True, for preuention is a proofe of wisdome.
P. A friend is like a Phœnix.
S. True, for they are more talked of than knowne.
P. There are more maids than Mawkin.
S. True, for else how should Bachelers doe for wiues?
P. Labour to no purpose is as ill as idleneſſe.
S. True, if a man want his tooles to goe to worke withall.
P. Neceſſitie hath no Law.
S. True, for *Forma pauperis* troubles the Court.
P. Idleneſſe is the root of Ignorance.
S. True, and commonly the tree makes the Gallowes.
P. Time trieth all things.
S. True, and moſt of them to be nothing.
P. The euening proues the day.
S. True, ſo doth a mans death his life.
P. One Tale is good till another be told.
S. True, for the laſt commonly puts downe the firſt.

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The ſecond part.

Prouerbe.

Iſhers and woulders are neuer good houſholders.

Sooth.

True, for they feed their families with ſentences.

P. The tide tarrieth no man.

S. True, and therefore it is good to to watch it.

P. An old babe is no childe.

S. True, if he be paſt the dugge.

P. Error breeds idolatrie.

S. True, elſe would not fooles worſhip babies.

P. Patience keepes the wits in temper.

S. True, for impatience maketh men mad.

P. The Nightingale and the Cuckoe ſing both in one moneth.

S. True, but there is great difference in their notes.

P. Trauellers tales are hardly beleeued.

S. True, becauſe they forget themſelues in their diſcourſes.

P. No man is wiſe at at all times.

S. True, and he is happy that is wiſe at any time.

P. Fooles

P. Fooles are fortunate.
S. True, or elſe they would not be ſo rich.
P. A curſt Cow hath ſhort hornes.
S. True, or elſe ſhe would goare the Milke-maid.
P. A kennell is fit for a dogge.
S. True, and yet ſifting Curres lie on faire laps.
P. Snaphaunces are moſt fit for Piſtols.
S. True, for if they be too quicke, they may be ill in an houſe.
P. He hath need of mutton, that dips his bread in the wooll.
S. True, for he may hap better be faſting, than take a taſte of it.
P. A maid and a virgin is not all one.
S. True, the one is a childe, the other a woman.
P. Euery virgin is a maid.
S. True, but euery maid is not a virgin.
P. Honeſtie is ill for thriuing.
S. True, only among knaues.
P. Poetrie is too full of fictions.
S. True, and therefore the leſſe eſteemed.
P. The foole is wiſe.
S. True, when he makes fooles of wiſe men.
P. Iacke an Apes is no Gentleman.
S. True, and yet he will haue a gay coat.
P. Beggery is a wonderfull cunning trade.
S. True, for it getteth money for words.
P. Robbery is a very cheape purchaſe.
S. True, for it coſteth but a peny halter.
P. Lechers and mad men haue two great kinds of extreme weakneſſe.
S. True, the one in their backs, the other in their brains.

P. Fighting

P. Fighting is euery way dangerous.
S. True, either for killing or hanging.
P. A knaue may be an honeſt man.
S. True, if it be but againſt his will.
P. Money is a maruellous kinde of metall.
S. True, for it plaies the deuill in the world.
P. Hopes are very ſtrong imaginations.
S. True, but when they hit not, they make weake hearts.
P. Lies haue ſtrange effects.
S. True, for they make truth miſtruſted.
P. Tabacco is like wood.
S. True, for it conſumes in ſmoake.
P. Wyermen are fiſhes enemies.
S. True, for they make hookes for their noſes.
P. Iuglers and leſters are cozen varmins to the knaue.
S. True, for they commonly come from the queane.
P. A Piper and Tinker make a bad peece of muſicke.
S. True, for they ſeldome agree but in drinke.
P. Two to one is ods.
S. True, and yet a man and his wife are one.
P. Cozeners are the worſt couſins.
S. True, for they will deceiue their fathers.
P. Greatneſſe and goodneſſe goe not euer together.
S. True, for then the deuill would not be ſo wicked.
P. Wine and wenches empty mens purſes.
S. True, and fill the body with diſeaſes.
P. Care is more coſtly than comfortable.
S. True, when a man is troubled with a ſcold.
P. Friendſhip is doubtfull in time of diſtreſſe.
S. True, for kindneſſe may proue coſtly.
P. Thrift is the commendation of wit.
S. True, for beggerie is a baſe profeſſion.

P. He is wiſe that can hold his peace.
S. True, if that he be not tongue-tied.
P. Wealth is a bleſſing vnto the wiſe.
S. True, if it be not hurtfull to the ſoule.
P. Coyneſſe is a fooliſh niceneſſe.
S. True, when a wench will ſay ſhe cannot dance.
P. He that is rich is wiſe.
S. True, if he haue wiſdome to gouerne it.
P. Faire women are delightfull obiects.
S. True, if they be not proud.
P. Wantonneſſe is the way to wickedneſſe.
S. True, when luſt goes for loue among the youthfull.
P. Age claimes the reuerence of time.
S. True, when a horſe-ſtealer is hanged before a cut-purſe.
P. Youth is the deſperate time of nature.
S. True, or elſe there would not be ſo many ſwaggerers.
P. Phyſicke is good for the ſicke.
S. True, for it is a fore-ſtaller of death.
P. Quackſaluers are ingroſſers of diſeaſes.
S. True, for they will take vpon them all cures.
P. Great ſpenders are but bad lenders.
S. True, for they will hardly pay that they owe.
P. Euill natures are no good companions.
S. True, for their conditions are infectious.
P. Water is a cleanly element.
S. True, till it meet with vncleanneſſe.
P. Come ſleepe with me, ſeemes to be a ſweet word in a whores mouth.
S. True, but he that awaketh with the pox, will curſe her for her kindneſſe.

P. Bugge

P. Bugge-beares fright none but fooles.
S. True, for wise men know a vizar from a face.
P. Painters are agents for Idolatrie.
S. True, when fooles worship Images.
P. A witch is a fit wife for a Coniurer.
S. True, and the deuils chapell for their Church.
P. Three trees are the Hangmans farme.
S. True, and his harueſt is moſt in lowſie raggs.
P. An hypocrite is the deuils Chaplaine.
S. True, for his heart ſaith ſeruice in hell.
P. He that reads that he vnderſtandeth not, wrongs his wit with his tongue.
S. True, that makes ſo many Latine-aſſes make their praiers to pictures.
P. Patience is a plaiſter for all diſeaſes.
S. True, but it is often long a healing.
P. All brazen worke is good but in faces.
S. True, for it makes them as bold as beggers.
P. Sinne is the wound of ſenſe.
S. True, when the ſoule is troubled with the fleſh.
P. Feare is the fruit of ſinne.
S. True, for it rotteth the ſoule of the reprobate.
P. It is neuer long which commeth at laſt.
S. True, for if hoped for, it is welcome; if feared, it then commeth too ſoone.
P. A Campe is the glory of the warre.
S. True, but peace maketh a braue Court and a bleſſed Countrey.
P. Out of ſight out of minde.
S. True, for a man ſhal be no ſooner dead but forgotten.
P. Faſting ſhould goe before Feaſting.
S. True, for then one may the better doe it.

P. Reſt after labour is ſweet.
S. True, for idleneſſe vpon idleneſſe is enſeleſſe.
P. Long trauels make weary voyages.
S. True, when they get little for their labour.
P. Farre trauellers doe know many things.
S. True, and many that were better vnknowne.
P. Good company is a waggon in the way.
S. True, for its tedious to trauell alone.
P. A baudy houſe is an earthly hell.
S. True, for the houſe is neuer without a deuill.
P. An Inne is the hope of gueſts.
S. True, for without them the Hoſt may pull downe his ſigne.
P. A Tauerne is the bloud-letter of the grape.
S. True, for he will draw it to the laſt drop.
P. Words are but winde.
S. True, when there is no intent of performance.
P. An Alehouſe is the beggars ruine.
S. True, for there he ſpendeth the profit of his profeſſion.
P. A Theeſe is a reſolute Raſcall.
S. True, for he hath ſet vp his reſt to be hangd.
P. Women are neceſſary euils.
S. True, and it is pitty they ſhould be ſo.
P. Pen and Inke is wits plough.
S. True, and yet ſometime it vndoeth the Ploughman.
P. Words are thoughts actors.
S. True, yet ſometimes they vndoe the players.
P. Robin Goodfellow was a ſtrange man.
S. True, among wenches that kept not their houſes cleane.

P. Will

P. Will Sommer was a ſhrewd foole.
S. True, for he made an Aſſe of many a faire beaſt.
P. Two dayes are moſt dreadfull to the wicked.
S. True, the day of death, and the day of doome.
P. The wicked are for the moſt part fearfull.
S. True, for the guilt of conſcience frighteth the ſoule.
P. Enough is as good as a feaſt.
S. True, for what is more than enough is not good.
P. Too much of one thing is good for nothing.
S. True, when the quantitie ſpoileth the qualitie.
P. Where the hedge is low, it is eaſily trodden downe.
S. True, when honeſtie ruleth not the will.
P. It is eaſie to finde a ſtone to throw at a dogge.
S. True, inferiours are eaſily wronged.
P. Sleepe is the pride of eaſe.
S. True, and yet too much will ſpoile the ſpirit.
P. Contraries cannot agree.
S. True, for an ill tongue will kill a quiet heart.
P. The nobleſt life is in warres.
S. True, where valour may ſhew mercy, and wiſdome may gaine honour.
P. A woman is the weaker veſſell.
S. True, for the weakeſt goeth to the wall.
P. Haſtie climbers haue oft ſudden falls.
S. True, when they make more haſte downe than vp.
P. Honeſtie is an excellent and pretious vertue.
S. True, for what is rare is pretious.
P. Pride is without profit.
S. True, for it ſpends much to gaine ſcorne.
P. Money is a great maſter in a market.
S. True, for without him there is but cold trading.

P. A Cuckoe is a moſt vnkinde creature.
S. True, for ſhe kills the Sparrow hatcht her young.
P. A Pelican is the kindeſt bird.
S. True, for ſhe wounds her breſt to feed her young.
P. A young Seruingman an old beggar.
S. True, when youth forgets that age will come.
P. Wit and learning are faire vertues.
S. True, when humilitie is ioyned with vnderſtanding.
P. The richeſt men haue not euer moſt wit.
S. True, for wealth is no cauſe of wit.
P. Honeſtie is better than riches.
S. True, for honeſtie is honeſtie ſtill.
P. It is good to make hay while the Sunne ſhines.
S. True for in rainie weather there is more paines, and yet to leſſe purpoſe.
P. Money is a great comfort.
S. True, if it be well vſed.
P. Like will to like.
S. True, when theeues and whores meet at the gallowes.
P. Tradeſmen liue vpon lacke.
S. True, for were there no lacke, they could not liue for want of trading.
P. A Cobler deales with All.
S. True, for without Aule he is no body.
P. All is not gold that gliſters.
S. True, nor euery man the ſame he ſeemes.
P. It is hard to make mutton of a Sow.
S. True, for Art cannot eaſily change what is inbred by nature.
P. Tabacco is a great purger.
S. True, for it purgeth both the head and the purſe.

P. Too much of one thing is good for nothing.
S. True, for too much money will make a man mad.
P. All is not got that is put into the purſe.
S. True, when a man ſels his friend for a trifle.
P. Kiſſing goes by fauour.
S. True, and that makes deſert goe a begging.
P. A friend in the Court is better than a penny in the purſe.
S. True, but both together is beſt of all.
P. The end proueth the act.
S. True, for many large promiſes haue ſmall performances.
P. It is good to be merry and wiſe.
S. True, for mirth without meaſure is meere madneſſe.
P. Bought wit is beſt.
S. True, for it is beſt remembred.
P. Many things are beſt learned without experience.
S. True, for you may chance pay more for your ſchooling than your learning is worth.
P. There is a time for all things.
S. True, for after follie comes repentance.
P. Many a dogge is hangd for his skinne.
S. True, and many a man killd for his purſe.
P. Delayed hope is grieuous to the heart.
S. True, when feare oppreſſeth the ſoule.
P. It is an ill thing that is good for nothing.
S. True, and yet many ſuch things there be.
P. That is well ſpoken that is well taken.
S. True, for then the hearers are pleaſed.
P. The longeſt day will haue an end.
S. True, and therefore we muſt hope and feare.

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